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Thanks, Ed! Will move forward with scheduling.

Have a great weekend,

Sandra O'Neill

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Sure.

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Hi all – checking in on the PFAS call whether it's a go to include New Hampshire and Connecticut in the call with Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont. Since Maine's first contact, Rhode Island has since received a CLF/PEER letter.

Also, in a call with AAPCO/SFIREG this week, Hotze Wijnja, who is in MA and also the new SFIREG EQI Chair, confirmed he would attend this call. Other AAPCO/SFIREG leaders expressed interest in sitting in on the call. We've discussed limiting the call to impacted states; given the awareness and interest by the AAPCO/SFIREG leadership team, would we consider extending the call to this group, and asking it not shared beyond the leadership team?

Thanks and a good weekend to all,

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Update – Rhode Island has received a similar letter from CLF and PEER.

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Good morning all,

R1 has requested we include New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island in the NE states call. Any thoughts?

Thanks,

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Sandra – thank you very much for setting up this call. It would be great if you could include our whole team (Nancy Barmakian, Ginny Lombardo, Andrea Szylvian, Rob Koethe, Tristan Pluta, Maya Babu, and me). Could you also please include Sharon Hayes, the Section Chief for pesticide enforcement, and Kate Melanson from Region 1's Office of Public Affairs? I have copied all of the R1 contacts on this message.

For the states, we think it would be very helpful if you could include the SLA directors of all the New England states since they have all work closely together, have been very aware of this issue generally, and could receive similar communications from PEER/CLF. The SLA directors may be interested in forwarding to other staff or other state agency contacts (e.g., in Mass, the DEP was the primary agency dealing with the PFAS detected in the Anvil 10+10). If you are comfortable with that, it would be great to let them know in the invite that they could forward it.

Here are the email addresses for the New England SLA directors.

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Please let me know if there is anything else you need. Thank you Sandra, Steph

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Thanks very much, Nancy – appreciate it.

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Thanks so much Sandra. We will get back to you.
Nancy

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Good afternoon Nancy, Ginny and all,

I work in OCSP's Office of Program Support and am reaching out to you today to inform you of a request from Maine's Board of Pesticide Control to hold a call with EPA on PFAS. Regulatory officials from Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts have received a letter (similar to the one attached) from the Conservation Law Foundation and PEER requesting state Agency level action on PFAS. In response to this letter, Maine has requested a call with EPA. EPA OCSSP is coordinating this call and would like to engage with R1 on which officials from ME, VT, and MA we might include in the call. To this end, I've cc'd our go-to contacts on your staff, as well as Beth Garcia, to help inform this question. I'd also much appreciate the names of any other R1 staff you'd like to add to the call in addition to those in this email.

I don't have much info. on when or what the exact topics will be yet, other than a PFAS update on testing and lab work; however, I'm hoping to schedule the call for next week if calendars allow. For a start to the agenda topics, please feel

free to request topics, and I will also touch base with Meg Patterson from Maine (who initiated the request), then bring those topics back to the EPA group to draft an agenda.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions on this request and call, and thanks in advance for any information.

Best regards,

Sandra O'Neill

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Megan,

We would be happy to chat with you and the other states about this issue. Adding Kimberly who is our OPP lead on this issue and others.

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Good afternoon Ed,

Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine have all received emails and letters similar to those attached. I've reached out to the other states in Region 1 and AAPCO to see if a similar letter was received. Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida indicated that they have not yet seen anything.

Given the push for action in the letter and the national nature of this issue, would EPA be willing to participate in or host a meeting with the contacted states, CLF and PEER—assuming other folks are interested in this.

I'm happy to have a brief chat if that is easier/more efficient.

Thank you,

Megan

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Good morning Commissioner Loyzim, Commissioner Beal and Director Patterson,

Attached please find a letter from my CLF colleagues Sara Dewey and Colin Antaya and our colleagues at PEER, Tim Whitehouse and Kyla Bennett concerning the alarming levels of PFAS in pesticides and the need to take action on this issue. Thank you for your work on this issue in general and we hope to make further progress on the threat from these forever chemicals. Sean

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